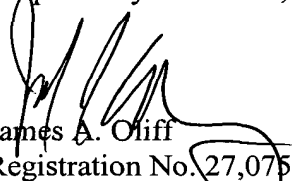


REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 8 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, minor grammatical and typographical errors are corrected in the specification and the claims. The claims are further amended to be in conformance with the Amendment entered under Article 34 in the International Application.

A prompt and favorable examination of the application is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set for below.

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